



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
VIRTUAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
PROJECT DESCRIPTION – EUR/WE**



This project seeks a Virtual Fellow to serve with the **Office of Western Europe, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs (EUR/WE)** as a **Germany-Russia Relations Analyst**.

Fellow Location: The Fellow will serve virtually and will not be physically located at the Department of State.

Project Name: Germany-Russia Relations

Project Description: Germans like to say their relations with Russia differ from those of their neighbors. While Germany remains embedded in the Western communities of the European Union and The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), many Germans would like to see Germany as a mediator between Moscow and NATO. Many suspect Germany of taking a softer line with Moscow than do its allies, preferring “change through engagement,” rather than pressure through sanctions or other tools.

The Fellow would investigate the reasons why Germany and the United States tend to approach Russia differently. Political, economic, cultural, and historical reasons will all factor into this analysis.

Potential Fellow Taskings:

- Research paper focused on explaining the nature of Germany’s relations with Russia.

Program Requirements: The precepts of the Virtual Fellows Program call for Fellows to have a high degree of administrative, professional, or technical knowledge/experience and a minimum of five years of professional experience that is directly applicable to the assigned task.

Project-specific Knowledge, Skills, or Abilities:

- Academic or professional knowledge or German international relations and German and Russian history;
- Research background strongly preferred.

Clearance: The Fellow must be a U.S. citizen and must receive a Public Trust determination prior to starting his/her service. The Virtual Fellows Program staff will work with the accepted candidate to obtain the Public Trust determination. (Note: A candidate is NOT required to have a Public Trust determination prior to applying for this project.)

Remuneration: The Virtual Fellow will be appointed to the federal civil service as an intermittent, unpaid consultant. The Department assumes no responsibility for providing any salary or benefits to the Fellow in connection with his/her participation in the Program.